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SUBJECT: ONE DEAD IN CLASHES WITH SECURITY FORCES

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Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) Summary: One man died during an evening of clashes between Shi'a youths and security forces. While preliminary results of an autopsy sup
- 2.(SBU) The government of Bahrain observes a holiday each December 17, the anniversary of King Hamad's accession to the throne. However, for mc
- 3.(SBU) In recent years, central Manama and many Shi'a villages have witnessed small confrontations between protesters and police, chiefly on w
- 4.(SBU) Ali Jassim Mekki, a 31 year-old man from the Shi'a village of Jidd Hafs, died late December 17 after reportedly being involved in a cla
- 5.(SBU) Shortly after reports of Mekki's death surfaced, the Shi'a Al-Wifaq political society's General Secretariat met with his family and iss
- 6.(SBU) Pol and Econ FSNS reported separate encounters with Shi'a protesters in the Karbabad area on the evening of December 17. Wifaq members
- 7.(C) Comment: The autopsy report will do little to calm Shi'a hot-heads, who have already dubbed Mekki a "martyr." Regardless of the cause, Me
- [18](#).(SBU) Septel reports on emergency action committee meeting. \*\*\*\*\* Visit Embassy Manama's C